

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

### INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as

Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

☒ was filed as PCT international application

Number PCT/EP00/05610

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on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known by me to be material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of the Federal Regulations. §1.56(a).

☐ In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.97.

☒ In compliance with this duty, information which may be material is disclosed in the specification of the subject application.

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U. S. / PCT APPLICATION(S)  
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is / are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that / those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national of PCT international filing date of this application.

**U. S. Application(s) (or PCT applications designating U. S.)**

<b>U. S. Application Serial No.</b>	<b>Filing Date</b>	<b>Status (pending, patented, abandoned)</b>
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**RELATED FOREIGN APPLICATIONS**

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<b>Country</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Date of filing</b>	<b>Date of issue or publication</b>
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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF FOREIGN PRIORITY UNDER 35 U. S. C. §119**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United State of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

☐ No such applications have been filed.

☒ Such applications have been filed as follows

**DETAILS OF FOREIGN APPLICATION FROM WHICH PRIORITY CLAIMED  
UNDER 35 U. S. C. §119**

Country	Application No.	Date of filing	Date of issue or publication
Germany	19928741.4	23 June 1999	

## DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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